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## SECOND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.116

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the US Patent and Trademark Office on April 22, 2003 and in lieu of an Appeal Brief. Responsive to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.